(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its operation and maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Maintenance of under construction NHs

†1209. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any explicit policy is being formulated by Government in regard to maintenance of four-lane roads being constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the construction period;

(b) whether the Stretch of National Highway number-76 falling under Udaipur urban area is being maintained by NHAI; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. During the construction period, the maintenance of the existing roads is being done by the civil contractor/concessionaire engaged for four laning works for which adequate provisions are made in the Concession Agreements/ Maintenance Contracts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bridge on NH 7 near Nagpur

1210. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the rail-over-bridge at Butibori, near Nagpur on NH 7 would be completed; and

(b) the reasons for an inordinate delay in completion of this bridge?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.